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1. ENGLISH LANGUAGE, SAUDI REVIEWBN FOR APRIL 16, CARRIES
ITEM ATTRIBUTED TO SAUDI MINISTER OF POSTS, TELEGRAPH AND
TELEPHONE (PTT), REPORTING THAT RIYADH WILL BE CENTER FOR
ARAB SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS CENTER. ITEM BEGIN QUOTE:

"THE THIRD CONFERENCE OF THE ARAB COMMUNICATIONS
MINISTERS HAS UNANIMOUSLY AGREED THAT RIYADH BE THE HEAD-
QUARTERS OF THE ARAB SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS CENTRE.
THE CONFERENCE ALSO AGREED THAT SAUDI ARABIA BE THE
MAIN CONTROL STATION.

THIS STATEMENT WAS GIVEN YESTERDAY BY DR. ALAWI
DARWISH KAYYAL, MINISTER OF POSTS, TELEGRAPHS AND TELE-
PHONES, TO THE CORRESPONDENT OF THE SAUDI PRESS AGENCY
FOLLOWING THE MEETINGS OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE.

THE CONFERENCE HAS, MEANWHILE, AGREED TO FORM A
BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE ARAB SATELLITE NETWORK TO
CONSIST OF NINE DIRECTORS, FIVE OF WHOM TO PERMANENTLY
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REPRESENT THE ARAB COUNTRIES WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO

THIS PROJECT AND THE OTHER FOUR TO BE ELECTED PERIODI-
CALLY.

THE AGREEMENT TO SET UP THE ARAB SATELLITE COMMUNI-
CATIONS CENTRE WAS SIGNED AT THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE
ARAB LEAGUE YESTERDAY. THE AGREEMENT PROVIDES THAT THE
CENTRE WILL HAVE A GENERAL ASSEMBLY WHICH WILL CONSIST
OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS MINISTERS OF THE MEMBER
STATES AND WILL MEET IN APRIL EACH YEAR. END QUOTE
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